

## **BULLETIN #1**

# **PAN AMERICAN CLUB CREW CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Ponce • Puerto Rico • March 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

CERILLOS RESERVOIR, PONCE - PUERTO RICO

# Welcome

TO: ALL PADBF MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBER DRAGON BOAT ORGANIZATIONS FROM WITHIN THE PAN AMERICAN REGION

Puerto Rico Dragon Boat Federation (PRDBF), the Pan American Dragon Boat Federation (PADBF), and the Cerrillos Reservoir National Wildlife Refuge & the Recreational Area Atracadero of the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DRNA) in Puerto Rico, invite all Club Crews from within the Pan American region to race in the Pan American Club Crew Championships (PACCC), being held at the Wildlife Reserve & Recreational Area Atracadero at the Cerrillos Reservoir located in Ponce, Puerto Rico. The 2017 PACCC Races will take place from the 17th – 19th of March 2017 covering distances of 200, 500 and 2000 meters. **All races will take place in Small Boats.**

## COMPETITION REGULATION AND RACING RULES

The Championships will be conducted under IDBF Competitions and Rules of Racing.

## PROVISIONAL ENTRIES

All participating clubs are required to return their Provisional Entries Online\* by **July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016**.

**Link to provisional entries & bookings:** <http://goo.gl/forms/slW87BNxNrE53nID3>

## Event List

EVENT OUTLINE: This outline is provisional and is provided to assist crews in planning. Please note that changes may take place as necessary. Any required changes will be communicated immediately.

ARRIVAL: Competing Crews are advised to arrive in the Ponce Region no later than Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Crews are however invited to arrive earlier.

### **Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Crews Arrive, Registration and Training at the Cerrillos Reservoir, Ponce, PR

### **Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Crew Registration and Training at the Cerrillos Reservoir, Ponce, PR.

### **Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

#### **Race Day**

500m - Mixed including BCS

2000m - Mixed including BCS

Evening - Opening ceremonies and Eye Dotting Ceremony

### **Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

#### **Race Day**

**500m - Open and Women**

2000m - Open and Women

**Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Race Day**

200m – Open, Women and Mixed

Closing Ceremony

## **Divisions, Racing, Competition & Entry Conditions**

The Championship Divisions, Racing and Competition Classes that will be contested are listed below. This event is a **Small Boat Championship** only.

Classes may be combined in the early rounds of the competition but the Grand Finals will be separate. Each PADBF member may sanction an unlimited number of clubs in each Competition Class **with no restrictions on the number of entries per club**. All entries must be sanctioned by the appropriate PADBF member or IDBF Member National Organization (PADBF countries only).

Cross rostering between Divisions in the same Gender Class is discouraged (e.g. Senior Mixed and Premier Mixed). In the case of 'back to back' races the Officials will NOT delay races for racers to transfer between crews (including Steers people/Drummers, or Paddlers).

### **ENTRIES:**

All entries to the 2017 PACCC must be sanctioned by the PADBF member organization to which the crew belongs, where one exists. Crews from countries within the Pan American Region where there is not a PADBF member may compete, subject to the agreement of the PADBF.

### **ENTRY FEES:**

A fee of USD \$60.00 per person is to be paid by all racers.

All supporters (coaches, support staff and others wishing to have access to athlete village) are required to pay a fee of USD \$45.00 per person. Supporters will have access to the grandstand for the duration of the PACCC only.

### **BOATS, PFDS AND PADDLES:**

IDBF Specification Dragon Boats will be provided for the Championships.

Crews are informed that only IDBF Spec 202a paddles will be permitted for use at the PACCC. Paddles may not exceed 51". Paddles will be checked to ensure compliance. No exceptions will be made.

A limited amount of paddles will be available at the venue. Booking is required in advance (through online registration). Under the IDBF Competition Regulations, participants are not required to wear PFDs when racing, unless the Chief Official so decides. This decision is solely at the discretion of the Chief Official and may be determined by the weather (e.g. Junior's required to wear PFDs). PFDs will be available at the venue. Availability may be limited so it is recommended to book in advance if a PFD is desired (through online registration). Pricing for paddles and PFDs will be included in Bulletin 2.

# Competition Classes\*

## Small Boat - 12 Racers

We will follow IDBF COMPETITION REGULATIONS and RULES OF RACING for Mixed crew composition, read below corresponding regulation.

*CR 2.1.3 Mixed Class Crews must contain a minimum of eight (8) and a maximum of ten (10) of each gender. There are no restrictions on age, except for the 12 years old rule shown in Reg 2.1.1. For Small Boat Races this shall be 4 to 6 of either gender.*

Racing Class	Age Requirements	200m	500m	2000m
Junior Mixed	All paddlers and drummer under 18 but over the age 12. Steersperson may be any age over 12.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Junior Open	All paddlers and drummer under 18 but over the age 12. Steersperson may be any age over 12.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Junior Women	All paddlers and drummer under 18 but over the age 12. Steersperson may be any age over 12. All racers must be women.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Premier Mixed	All racers must be 12 years of age or older	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Premier Open	All racers must be 12 years of age or older	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Premier Women	All racers must be 12 years of age or older, all racers must be women	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior A Mixed	All paddlers and steersperson must be 40 or older	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior A Open	All paddlers and steersperson must be 40 or older	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior A Women	All paddlers and steersperson must be 40 or older, all racers must be women	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior B Mixed	All paddlers and steersperson must be 50 or older	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior B Open	All paddlers and steersperson must be 50 or older	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior B Women	All paddlers and steersperson must be 50 or older, all racers must be women	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior C Mixed	All paddlers and steersperson must be 60 or older	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior C Open	All paddlers and steersperson must be 60 or older	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior C Women	All paddlers and steersperson must be 60 or older, all racers must be women	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Breast Cancer Survivors	Open class – all racers Breast Cancer Survivors, no exceptions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*(\*) Other Classes may be added and/or merged at the discretion of the PADBF. Contact [info@prdbf.com](mailto:info@prdbf.com) for more information.*

## AGE REGULATIONS

The Drummer in a Senior Crew and the Steersperson in a Junior Crew do not need to conform to the relevant age limits shown above. Eligibility for all classes is determined by age on June 1 of the competition year.

## MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

A racer may only represent one Dragon Boat Club. A Racer must have been a bona fide member of the Dragon Boat Club that they represent at the PACCC for at least six (6) months before the PACCC in question.

A bona fide Club Member is one that has regularly trained/competed for the Club that they represent during the minimum period of six months.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

The 2017 PACCC Organizing Committee is working in partnership with various hotels and tourism operators throughout the Ponce Area to offer participants the best experience possible, on and off the waterway.

A variety of hotel accommodations have been arranged with special pricing. Below is the list of Official Accommodations for the 2017 PACCC. Detailed descriptions of accommodations and prices will be available online beginning December 2016. All prices are subject to applicable taxes.

Event transportation is only being provided for persons using Official Accommodations.

Hotel	Location	Minutes to Venue	Meal Plan Availability
Ponce Plaza <a href="mailto:msanantonio@ponceplazahotelandcasino.com">msanantonio@ponceplazahotelandcasino.com</a>	Downtown Ponce	29 mints	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breakfast <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dinner
Hilton Ponce Golf and Casino Resort <b>1-800-HILTONS</b>		29 mins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breakfast <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dinner
Hotel Meliá <b>787-842-0260 ext. 522</b> <b>787-842-7122 direct</b>	Downtown Ponce	29 mins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breakfast <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dinner
Holiday Inn Ponce & Tropical Casino <b>787-844-1200</b>	Sabaneta, Ponce	30 mins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breakfast <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dinner
<b>Howard Johnson</b> <b>787-841-1000</b>		22 mins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breakfast <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dinner

**The only method for booking at one of the official hotels is directly with the hotels and reference Pan American Dragon Boat Club Crew Championships 2017.** The hotels will assist in ensuring each Club has reliable and personalized service. Accommodation requests will only be secured and fulfilled based on the hotels terms and conditions. The Officials Hotels will do its best to place participants at requested accommodations, based on availability.

***Provisional accommodation bookings must be arranged with the official hotels by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.***

## MEAL PACKAGES

Meal packages are available for purchase through the official hotels (breakfast & dinner) and authorized vendor (lunch); breakfast and dinner options are available at official hotels and lunch at the venue.

## LUNCH

Lunch packages are available for purchase at the venue for Training and Racing Days (Wed March 16 to Sun March 19). Lunches are a healthy choice, with a minimum 1,500 calories. Options will vary daily. Lunches will be delivered directly to your athlete village tent at a predetermined time. Price for lunches will be available in Bulletin 2. Lunches will contain (as an example):

- 2 sandwiches/wraps
- Vegetable salad/assorted raw vegetables
- Fruit
- Milk/juice

- Side (ie. Granola bar, nuts, or cheese and crackers pack)  
*Note: Lunches will be available for various dietary needs, upon request*

***Provisional lunch orders must be submitted to authorized vendor by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Link to provisional lunch orders will be provided in Bulletin 2.***

### **AIRPORT TRANSFERS:**

The 2017 PACCC Organizing Committee is offering arrival and departure transfers from/ to Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport (SJU). Pricing will be included in Bulletin 2 and will be available in varying sizes, including singles, passenger vehicles, passenger vans, and coach buses.

***Provisional airport transfers requests must be submitted by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Link to transportation will be provided in Bulletin 2.***

### **LOCAL TRANSFERS:**

The 2017 PACCC Organizing Committee is offering a shuttle service from official accommodations to the venue for all participants and supporters. Crews will be able to purchase a shuttle pass to have access to the shuttle service that will regularly run between the official accommodations and the venue.

Options will also be available for crews to purchase a dedicated bus transfer from their accommodations to the venue and from the venue to their accommodations. Crews are required to inform the Organizing Committee a minimum 24 hours in advance as to what time they would like their transfer from their accommodations to the venue and the return from the venue.

Pricing will be included in Bulletin 2.

***Provisional local transfers requests must be submitted by October 1st, 2016. Link to local transfers will be provided in Bulletin 2.***

### **TOURISM EXCURSIONS**

The 2017 PACCC Organizing Committee is organizing various tourism excursions and packages for participants to purchase in advance, in order to explore and discover the Ponce Region in advance, after and/or during competition. A variety of tours and activities, from 90 minutes to full day adventures will be made available for participants to book. Details of the excursions, prices, and booking information will be available in Bulletin 2.

### **OPENING CEREMONIES:**

Opening ceremonies will take place at a different location from the race site. The opening ceremonies will include a welcome from local dignitaries and an athlete parade.

### **PARKING**

Parking is available on site for a fee of \$5.00 Per Day or \$20.00 for the duration of the event (including practice day).

# Deadlines For Entries And Fees

REQUIREMENT	DEADLINE DATE
<b>Provisional Entries</b>	<b>AUGUST 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016</b>
Provisional Accommodations Provisional Transportation/Airport Transfers Provisional Meal Request	<b>October 1st, 2016</b>
Confirmed Numerative Entries and Registration Deposit Deposit of USD \$300 per CREW Deposit is non-refundable	<b>October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016</b>
Final Named Entries and Outstanding Registration Fees Due USD \$60.00 per person less deposit paid. Due USD \$45 per supporter.  Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Committee. Any requests for late entry must include a late entry levy of USD \$100 per Crew in addition to individual racer fees.	<b>January 31s, 2016</b>

## PAYMENTS

Further details will be included in Bulletin 2.

*Contact [info@prdbf.com](mailto:info@prdbf.com) for event and payment inquiries.*

## CANCELLATION TERMS

In the event of accommodations, meals, and/or transportation cancellation, a charge will be made equivalent to any loss suffered by 2017 PACCC.